

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 374
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lottie Wooden Allen as a great Tennessean.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lottie Wooden Allen is most assuredly one such outstanding public servant who is worthy of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, a native of Red Banks, Mississippi, Lottie Wooden was joined in holy matrimony with Henry Raymond "H.R." Allen on February 21, 1921, and for nearly seventy years this fine couple journeyed through life together, facing the world's joys and problems as one; and

WHEREAS, the Allens moved to Memphis in 1923 and bought a house at 768 Ayers for seven hundred dollars; Mrs. Allen still lives in this loving home today; and

WHEREAS, three children were born to the Allen's blissful union: Annie Mae and Raymond, who have both gone on to be with the Lord, and Evelyn; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1925, Lottie and H.R. evinced their robust faith in the Lord by means of their active membership at the Middle Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, H.R. served with acumen and alacrity as a deacon, while Lottie served astutely and with purpose as a member of the missionary board and the mother's board; and

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WHEREAS, she also graciously and generously visited the sick and shut-ins, and was in charge of the Communion Table until 1992; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 1990, Mr. Allen went to his great reward in Heaven; and

WHEREAS, Lottie is renowned among her family, neighbors, friends and fellow church members for her "Garden of Love," from which she has shared the fruits of the ground with them for nearly seventy years; and

WHEREAS, not only does she love canning fruits and vegetables and giving them away to friends and neighbors, she also takes great joy in making pillows and presenting them to others as gifts of love; and

WHEREAS, in the golden years of her life, Mrs. Allen is fortunate to share love and companionship with her devoted daughter, Evelyn, eight loving grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, three sisters, and a host of nieces and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of a concerned citizen who is vitally involved in the affairs of her community, Lottie has voted in every election since becoming a registered voter in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Lottie Wooden Allen's bountiful life is an excellent example of Christian stewardship, love and devotion to God, whom she says has truly been good and remains the "Head of Her Life"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Lottie Wooden Allen upon her numerous contributions to good citizenship in Shelby County; commend her life of purpose and commitment to God, family and community; and specially recognize this remarkable lady, who exemplifies the finest traditions of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

